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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Date: February 14, 1995

FROM: GERALD W. MINNIS, COMMANDER
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
TRAINING DIVISION

TO: MICHAEL NAGAOKA, CAPTAIN
INDUSTRY STATION

SUBJECT: **FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- HIT SHOOTING, JUNE 27, 1994, PSTD #007917**

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the hit shooting incident which occurred on June 27, 1994.

The committee met on February 10, 1995, and consisted of myself and Commanders Ashby (FOR II) and Hammargren (Court Services). We found that the use of deadly force by Deputies Raye Morales #[redacted] Kenneth Wright #[redacted] and William Cassidy #[redacted] was within department policy. Please notify the deputies of this finding.

The committee recommends that you commend the desk personnel on their professional demeanor and clear communications, which assisted in no innocent citizens being injured.

Accompanying this memo is the original PSTD Response Team package which contains the IAB and training reports. Please evaluate the included material and complete and sign the enclosed form documenting your recommendations and actions. The package should be forwarded to your division chief within 30 days.

GWM:smk

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# OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING EVALUATION

**UNIT:** Industry Station
**DATE:** June 27, 1994
**TIME:** 1940 Hours
**LOCATION:** [redacted] Ragus Street

**URN#:** 094-10501-1430-011
**IAB#:** 007917
**NATURE OF INCIDENT:** On Duty Officer Involved Shooting/Suspect Deceased

**COMPLETED BY:** Sergeants Timothy Cornell and Rickey Jennings
**Internal Affairs Bureau**

**DATE:** October 6, 1994

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## INCIDENT DATA

**WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT**

Call [XX] Observation [ ] Search Warrant [ ] Arrest Warrant [ ]

**LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE**

[redacted]

**TYPE OF LOCATION**

Residence [XX] Business [ ] Industrial [ ] Parking Lot [ ]

Street [ ] Backyard [ ] Freeway [ ] Rural [ ]

Other [ ] ______

**SHOOTING CONDITIONS**

| DATE | TIME | DAY |
|---|---|---|
| June 27, 1994 | 1940 hours | Monday |

| LIGHTING | WEATHER |
|---|---|
| Daylight | Clear and Hot |

**DISTANCE**

35 to 45 Feet

**CONTRIBUTING FACTORS**

Suspect Barajas was involved in an earlier double murder several blocks away from the location of this shooting. Deputy personnel were contacted by an eyewitness to those murders and advised that the suspect was armed with a 9MM handgun, which was wrapped in a white cloth around the suspect's right hand, and from which he had fired numerous rounds. Deputies confronted the suspect on the front porch of the location and after numerous attempts to get the suspect to surrender, the suspect pointed his right cloth wrapped hand at the deputies. The deputies acting on the eyewitness' information and being in fear of their lives, fired several rounds at the suspect. The suspect was struck one time in the head and subsequently died as a result of this injury.

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## CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|---|---|
| ACCIDENTAL: | No |
| GUN TAKE-AWAY: | No |
| PERSON(S) ARMED: | Yes |
| PERSON(S) UNARMED: | N/A |
| STARTLE: | No |
| UNINTENTIONAL: | No |
| DEPUTY IN UNIFORM: | [X] RAID JACKET: [X] PLAIN CLOTHES: [ ] |
| VEST WORN: | Yes |
| FOOT PURSUIT: | No |
| VEHICLE PURSUIT: | No |
| MOVING VEHICLE: | No |
| VEHICLE STOP: | No |
| TYPE OF HOLSTER: | Department Issue |
| GUN IN HOLSTER: | No |
| STRUGGLE INVOLVED: | No |
| ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION:<br>See Investigative Summary | |

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## DEPUTY INVOLVED

**SHOOTER**

| EMPLOYEE'S NAME |
|---|
| EVERS, Kenyon |

| RANK | EMPLOYEE NO. | UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT |
|---|---|---|
| Deputy Sheriff | [redacted] | Special Enforcement Bureau/F. O.R. III |

| SEX | RACE | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | DATE OF BIRTH | AGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Male | White | 6' 02" | 215 | [redacted] | [redacted] |

| DUTY STATUS | HIRE DATE |
|---|---|
| Continuing on duty | 04-01-82 |

| UNIFORM | RAID JACKET | PLAIN CLOTHES | VEST |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | No | No | Yes |

| INJURED | DECEASED | CORONER'S CASE NO. |
|---|---|---|
| No | No | N/A |

| DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES |
|---|
| N/A |

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [ X ] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X ] NO [ ]

WHERE? Watch Commander's Office, Industry Station

SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Alfred Maldonado

**WEAPON USED**

| TYPE | AUTHORIZED |
|---|---|
| 9mm Beretta | Yes |

| AMMUNITION TYPE | AUTHORIZED |
|---|---|
| 9mm Issue | Yes |

| RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) | NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY | NO. OF HITS |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | 2 rounds | Unknown |

**DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY**

| UNDER THE INFLUENCE | TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED | ORDERED BY |
|---|---|---|
| No | No | N/A |

**TRAINING INFORMATION**

| LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) | PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] |



**DEPUTY INVOLVED**
Continued



## ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

| DATE | UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT | RANK |
|---|---|---|
| 10/91 to Present | Special Enforcement Bureau/ F.O.R. III | Deputy Sheriff |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
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**PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)**

| FILE | DATE | TYPE |
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## DEPUTY INVOLVED

**SHOOTER**

| EMPLOYEE'S NAME | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MORALES, Raye | | | |

| RANK | EMPLOYEE NO. | UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT |
|---|---|---|
| Deputy Sheriff | [redacted] | Industry Station/Field Operations Region III |

| SEX | RACE | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | DATE OF BIRTH | AGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Male | Hispanic | 5' 10" | 195 | [redacted] | [redacted] |

| DUTY STATUS | HIRE DATE |
|---|---|
| Continuing on duty | 09/14/88 |

| UNIFORM | RAID JACKET | PLAIN CLOTHES | VEST |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | No | No | Yes |

| INJURED | DECEASED | CORONER'S CASE NO. |
|---|---|---|
| No | No | N/A |

DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
N/A

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]
WHERE? Watch Commander's Office, Industry Station
SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Alfred Maldonaldo

**WEAPON USED**

| TYPE | AUTHORIZED |
|---|---|
| 9mm Beretta | Yes |

| AMMUNITION TYPE | AUTHORIZED |
|---|---|
| 9mm Issued | Yes |

| RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) | NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY | NO. OF HITS |
|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | 5 rounds | Unknown |

**DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY**

| UNDER THE INFLUENCE | TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED | ORDERED BY |
|---|---|---|
| No | No | N/A |

**TRAINING INFORMATION**

| LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) | PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

DEPUTY INVOLVED
Continued

| ASSIGNMENT HISTORY | | |
|---|---|---|
| **DATE** | **UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT** | **RANK** |
| 05/87 to Present | Industry Station/ Field Operations Region III | Deputy Sheriff |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
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| PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS) | | |
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| **FILE** | **DATE** | **TYPE** |
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## DEPUTY INVOLVED

| SHOOTER | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EMPLOYEE'S NAME<br>CASSIDY, William | | | | | | |
| RANK<br>Deputy Sheriff | | EMPLOYEE NO.<br>[redacted] | | UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT<br>Industry Station/Field Operations Region III | | |
| SEX<br>Male | RACE<br>White | HEIGHT<br>6' 00" | WEIGHT<br>190 | DATE OF BIRTH<br>[redacted] | AGE<br>[redacted] | |
| DUTY STATUS<br>Continuing on duty | | | | | HIRE DATE<br>01/30/85 | |
| UNIFORM<br>Yes | RAID JACKET<br>No | PLAIN CLOTHES<br>No | | | VEST<br>Yes | |
| INJURED<br>No | | | DECEASED<br>No | | CORONER'S CASE NO.<br>N/A | |
| DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES<br>N/A | | | | | | |

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]

WHERE? Watch Commander's Office, Industry Station

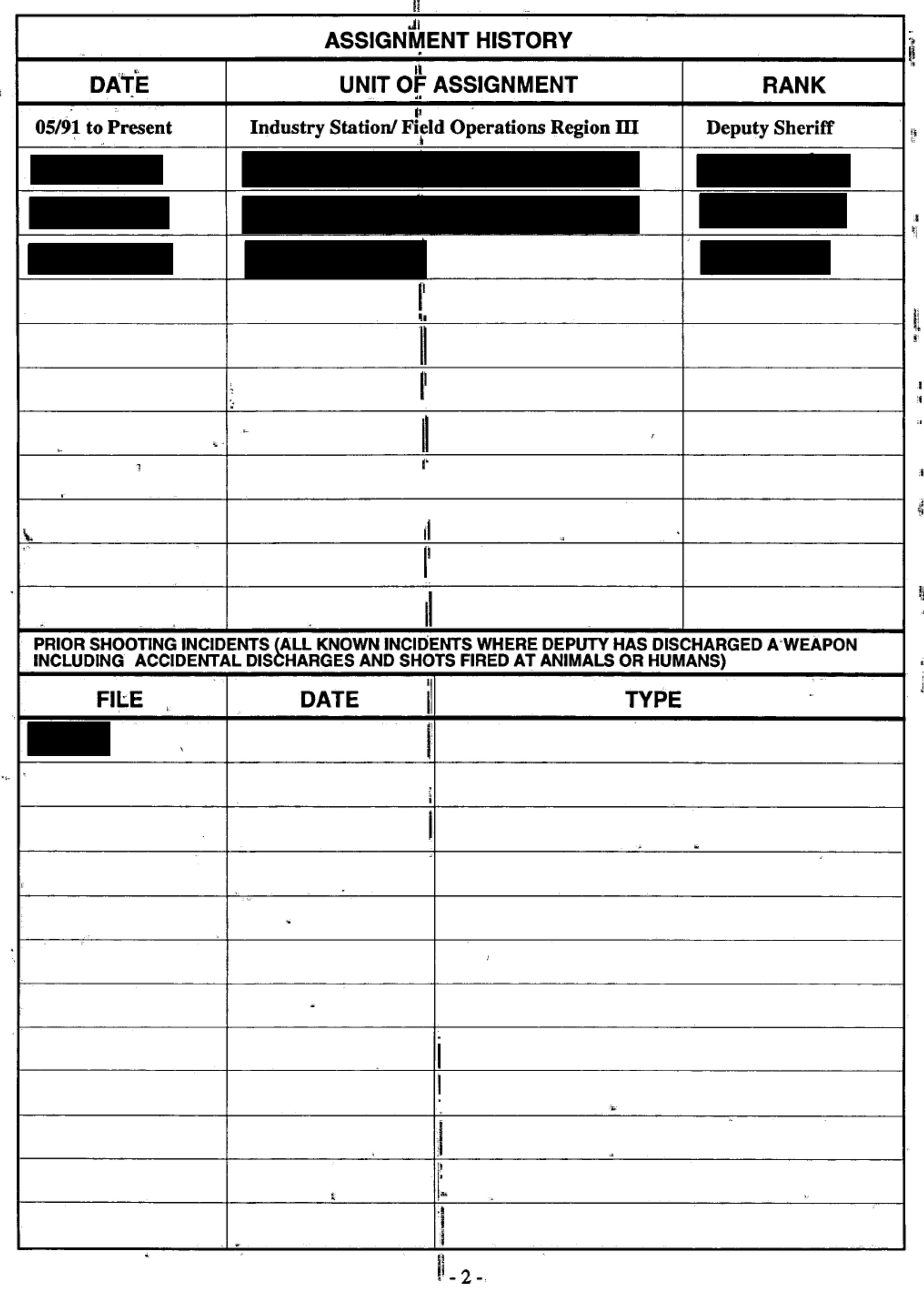
SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Alfred Maldonado

| WEAPON USED | | |
|---|---|---|
| TYPE<br>9mm Beretta | AUTHORIZED<br>Yes | |
| AMMUNITION TYPE<br>9mm Issued | AUTHORIZED<br>Yes | |
| RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE)<br>[redacted] | NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY<br>3 rounds | NO. OF HITS<br>Unknown |

| DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY | | |
|---|---|---|
| UNDER THE INFLUENCE<br>No | TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED<br>No | ORDERED BY<br>N/A |

| TRAINING INFORMATION | |
|---|---|
| LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE)<br>[redacted] | PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE)<br>[redacted] |

**DEPUTY INVOLVED**
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| ASSIGNMENT HISTORY | | |
|---|---|---|
| **DATE** | **UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT** | **RANK** |
| 05/91 to Present | Industry Station/ Field Operations Region III | Deputy Sheriff |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
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**PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)**

| FILE | DATE | TYPE |
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## SUSPECT/SUBJECT

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | M/I |
|---|---|---|
| Barajas | Jorge | NMN |

ADDRESS
[redacted]

| SEX: | RACE | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | D.O.B. | AGE | DECEASED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Male | Hispanic | 5' 08" | 160 | 05-18-76 | 18 | Yes |

| INJURED | DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES |
|---|---|
| Yes | Single fatal gunshot wound to head/Dog bites to left leg |

**SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY**

UNDER THE INFLUENCE
Unknown

| TYPE OF SUBSTANCE | LAB TEST CONDUCTED |
|---|---|
| Unknown | Yes |

| ARMED | TYPE OF WEAPON |
|---|---|
| See Incident Data Contribiting Factors | 9 MM Semi-Automatic Handgun |

| NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT | NUMBER OF HITS |
|---|---|
| See Incident Data Contribiting Factors | See Incident Data Contribiting Factors |

SUSPECT VEHICLE
N/A

CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS)
See Exhibit "J"

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT
See Incident Summary